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"MEN AS WELL AS SHIPS NEED A HAVEN FOR REPAIR"

Hospital Observes 28th Year Of

The United States Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, will celebrate its 28th year of service to members of the Armed Forces on its present site, on August 22, 1950.

An historical account of the present hospital would not be complete without a brief statement of facts of its founders and forerunners who, in time, gave birth to one of the largest Naval Hospitals in the United States, an institution which today stands as a monument to the progress of the Navy, and a picturesque landmark in the state of California.

Returning from Mexican waters in the summer of 1914, the Fourth Regiment of the Marine Corps landed and set up a base

grounds for use as a Naval Training Center. The City's offer of the grounds and buildings was accepted by the Navy Department and on May 20, 1917, the Naval Training Center was placed in commission. One of the exposition buildings was set aside for the medical department and was named the "War Dispensary." This building provided space for the Dispensary's Administrative Unit and two wards of 25 beds each. As the training camp grew the "War Dispensary" also expanded, and due to the rapid growth of the unit, tent camps had to be set up to meet the need of housing facilities. By the end of the war, the tent city had reached a patient capacity of 800.



Pictured above is the forerunner of the hospital of today as we know it. The "War Dispensary" was located in the headquarters building of the Balboa Park Police Department in 1917. Quite a bit of difference from the enormous citadel of mercy in operation today.



The scene pictured above, shows the center patio and surrounding buildings in 1922, shortly after the Naval Hospital was placed in commission. The scene at lower right shows the same patio 28 years later and the strides taken toward beautifying the grounds. It is truly one of the most eye-catching views of the hospital today.

on North Island, and in so doing, gave birth to San Diego as a great Naval Center. LCdr. U. R. Webb, who, 20 years later became Medical Officer in Command of this hospital, was Senior Medical Officer with the medical department attached to the regiment.

During the later part of the year, 1914, the Marine Regiment, along with its field hospital, was moved to Balboa Park as an exhibit in the Panama-California Exposition, and remained there until the exposition closed in the spring of 1917.

Due to the onset of World War I, both the city of San Diego and the Navy Department saw the opportunities afforded by the Balboa Park exposition

Commander Ammen Farenholt, now a retired Admiral living in Julian, California, was the first senior medical officer of the "War Dispensary." It was hobby, collecting war relics, that various familiar landmarks located about the hospital today were acquired. The two naval howitzers used by the Marines during the Mexican War, which are located in front of building 2, the sun dial and the plaques at the main and lower gates, were all donated by the Admiral.

During the course of World War I, the Navy realized that San Diego would be an ideal location for a permanent Air Station, a Marine Corps Base,

and Naval Training Center, and naturally a hospital large enough in size and facilities to accommodate all personnel attached to these activities.

The Secretary of the Navy, on May 20, 1919, changed the name of the "War Dispensary" to the designation of United States Naval Hospital with plans for the construction of a permanent institution.

The site of Inspiration Point was offered to the Navy by the San Diego city officials for the hospital site. A tract of land worthy of the name "Inspiration Point", for it comprises a hilltop of 22 acres and offers beautiful views of the world famous Balboa Park and the picturesque San Diego bay. Transfer of the land became official on July 11, 1919, when the Navy

Department accepted the offer.

The contract for the construction of the first buildings was drawn in the month of October, 1920. It called for a central Administration building flanked with three wards on either end. Surgeon General, Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt, held the responsibility of planning the hospital. The street running in front of the three original buildings was thereby named in his honor.

Further construction included four other small buildings, among them were the surgical suite and the mess hall. The hospital was built at a cost of \$1,103,321.19; the establishment placed in commission on August 22, 1922.

The equipment from the "War
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Dispensary" was moved to the present location and Captain F. W. F. Weiber, first Medical Officer in Command, instituted the landscaping of the grounds. The landscaping of the compound lives on as a tribute to the great accomplishment of the workers who made the hospital grounds one of the most beautiful in the state of California.

The first buildings provided bed space for less than 300 patients and the daily average census of patients in 1923 amounted to 400. Tents were provided for the overflow of patients in what is now the center patio. In 1923 a half million dollar contract was made for the building of three additional buildings. It added a Medical and Surgical department of three wards with 172 beds in each building, bringing the total to 618 when the building were completed in 1924. The third building in the second contract was the service building which housed the shops, laundry and garage.

By 1925, the fleet concentration in the Pacific and the growth of Naval shore activities increased so that the bed capacity for the hospital was again inadequate. Captain Raymond Spear, then Medical Officer in Command, recommended the building of four new constructions which included North Wards, Laboratory, X-Ray, Nurses Quarters and an incinerator building.

Although the 1924 contract brought the bed capacity up to 822, there was, in 1928, another shortage and accordingly a fourth contract was drawn up,



Captain Roger D. Mackey, MC, USN, present Commanding Officer of the hospital, assumed the position on February 16, 1948.

thus providing a contagion ward at the south end of the patio, hospital corps quarters, Hospital Corps School, disinfectant and morgue.

In 1929, a \$250,000 contract provided a sick Officers Quarters, at the north end of the grounds, and four officers quarters at the south end of the compound, bringing the bed capacity up to 1035.

The entire compound in 1929 represented an investment of \$3,500,000 and a recreation hall donated by the Red Cross in 1942 at a cost of \$47,000.

At the beginning of World War II, the hospital contained 56 buildings with the authorized capacity of 1,424 beds and by the end of the war the command had so expanded that it was divided into six units with

a total of 241 buildings on a combined acreage of 247 and an authorized capacity of 10,499.

Unit one consisted of the buildings in Balboa Park, which was taken over by the Navy in 1941. This unit also had a tent city of 239 tents. Unit three, Camp Kidd, was transferred to the hospital in 1944, and became the Hospital Corps School. It was made up of 22 exposition buildings and 33 converted Army barracks in the central park area. Unit four was made up of 28 Army barracks in the southwestern section of the park. Unit five was centered around 11 buildings used for storage for the staff and patients. Unit six consisted of the convalescent branch of the hospital at Rancho Santa Fe, located about 30 miles from the main hospital.

At the outbreak of the war in 1941, the hospital was caring for

approximately 1,200 patients, with 727 staff members on duty, 93 medical officers, 82 nurses, and 518 enlisted personnel.

In August 1945, the last month of the war, the hospital cared for an average of 8,096 patients. During this period approximately 172,000 patients were treated here; the peak having been reached on December 27, 1944, when the patient census stood at 12,068.

Since the war terminated the six additional hospital units have been disestablished and the Balboa Park properties have been returned to the city of San Diego.

Expanding from a one building "War Dispensary" and a tent section, the hospital since its commission in 1922, has grown tremendously and today comprises 91 separate buildings and over 92 beautifully landscaped acres. It is one of the largest hospitals in the world and it has often been called the finest hospitals, civilian or military, in the United States. The Navy's West Coast Cancer Center is located at this hospital.

As an outstanding citadel of mercy, the hospital has been a leader in the field of medicine and has kept up with the highest traditions of the Naval Services as well as the traditions of the medical profession.

Now on the eve of her 28th anniversary her slogan, "Men as well as ships need a haven for repair" as in the past, will be carried on throughout the years as a symbol toward greater heights as a leader in the Navy and the field of medicine.



CDR. Ammen Farenholt, now a retired Admiral, was the first Medical Officer of the 'War Dispensary' which was located in Balboa Park.



The photo to the left shows the complete transportation department of the hospital as it was in 1928. To the right, a glimpse of the huge staff as it appears today. A marked contrast may be seen in the two views.

LCdr. Huntsinger New Corps School Exec., 14 Day Active Duty Capt. Lane Assumes Washington Position Open to Med Students

Lieutenant Commander F. O. Huntsinger, MSC, USN, assumed the duties as Executive Officer, Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., on August 10, replacing Captain C. W. Lane, MC, USNR.

Captain Lane will take up a post in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, D. C., after a tour of seven years in his local assignment. He took charge of the school on November 3, 1943.

This move will also mark the first time that a Medical Service Officer has held such a post in San Diego. The distinction is well-deserved by LCDR. Huntsinger, a veteran of over 34 years of naval service.

The former Administrative Assistant to the Executive Officer began his long and colorful career in Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 15, 1916. Since then he has transcended the ranks as an enlisted man and has been selected for promotion to the rank of Commander, MSC.

Born in Freeport, Shelby County, Indiana, Mr. Huntsinger received his indoctrination at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. In April 1917, he became a member of the Hospital Corps and served aboard the old USS Columbia, Kittery and Mercury and overseas with the Marine Corps at Santo Domingo, American Samoa and the Philippine Islands.

He received his rating of Chief Pharmacist Mate in 1919, and was warranted as a Pharmacist in 1923.

During World War II Mr. Huntsinger was on duty at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, and as representative of the Surgeon General of the Navy as Chief of the Health Supply Section, Material Division of the War Production Board.

On March 17, 1947, he reported aboard this hospital for duty as Administrative Assistant to the Executive Officer from the National Naval Medical Center.

He has long been an active participant in every activity in which the Hospital Corps has taken part. Particularly is he known for his exploits as an



Captain C. W. Lane, MC, USNR, extends a hand of "good luck" to his successor to the position of Executive Officer of the Hospital Corps School, LCDR. F. O. Huntsinger, MSC, USN. The new Executive Officer will be the first member of the Medical Service Corps to hold such a position in San Diego.

organizer and coach of sports. His boxing teams were long the scourge of fleet opponents.

CAPTAIN LANE LEAVES

Captain Charles W. Lane, MC, USNR, who vacated the position of Executive Officer of the Hospital Corps School, will take up an important post in the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

It has been a fruitful seven years for the school as the former Executive Officer filled his position and brought it to a height never before reached by a Hospital Corps School. Since assuming the assignment on November 3, 1943, he has proved to be entitled to a higher position.

Born in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1892, Captain Lane began his medical career at the University of Pennsylvania, receiving his pre-medical training there. He continued his studies at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia. Post graduate work was continued at the University of Vienna in Austria.

Captain Lane possesses an AB and an MD degree and became a Fellow of the American Col-

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A limited number of billets are open in Naval Hospitals to undergraduate medical students holding the rank of Ensign (HP) U. S. Naval Reserve, who desire to volunteer for 14 days active training duty with pay during the months of August and September, 1950.

Eligible are members and non-members of Volunteer Naval Reserve Units who will be assigned to a hospital nearest their home. Provisions have been made for the training of these officers on the various professional services.

Members of Volunteer Naval Reserve Units and non-members should submit applications to the Commandant of their home Naval District.

Defense Dept. Assign Temporary Warrants

Appointment processing of the 951 temporary warrant officers named on June 20, included the signing by each of a category statement calling for three years of active duty unless sooner discharged. No physical examination was required. The new warrants will remain assigned to present organizations until the Defense Department—for warrants in the United States—and overseas commanders can reassign them individually to appropriate vacancies.

Letter Of Appreciation

Commanding Officer
U. S. Naval Hospital
Dear Captain Mackey:

At the recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Branch it was the wish of the President and the entire Board that their heartfelt appreciation be added to mine for the outstanding contribution made by the officers, men and civilian personnel of Naval Hospital in our recent campaign.

We certainly recognize the organizational work required and the fine spirit achieved in being able to report a total sum of \$850.00. Captain Walter F. James, Executive Officer, and all others who participated in the collection of this amount are to be highly commended.

I think that each and every person may be justifiably proud of their tangible effort to control cancer. It is only through such efforts as this that we will ultimately win the battle against the disease.

Again, our sincere thanks for this most generous contribution.

Cordially,
William J. Mecke
Campaign Chairman
San Diego County Branch,
American Cancer Society.

Navy Relief Carnival Again Huge Success

The 1950 edition of the Navy Relief Carnival, held at the Marine Recruit Depot, August 3rd, 4th, and 5th, lived up to the promises that it would be bigger and better than ever by packing in capacity crowds on each of the nights.

Crowds of San Diegans attended the gigantic affair and thrilled to the entertainment of top local and Hollywood talent. They milled through the various tents and booths, gasped at the breath-taking rides of the midway; and generally enjoyed themselves carrying home prizes.

Three lucky people drove out brand new cars won on a raffle conducted throughout the district. All in all, this year's carnival lived up to its publicity of "bigger and better than ever".

Ward Gardens Prove Interesting To Patients

Indoor gardening has blossomed forth as a favorite pastime with the patients in Building 20, with the aid of good neighbors contributing time and energy toward making this project a success.

From the hospital gardeners, under the direction of Walter Watson, head gardener, the amateurs have received soil, pots, small plants and many suggestions and fresh ideas on the subject.

Most unusual among the plants are the miniature ones. Contributed to the wards by the greenhouse, these plants include a miniature pomegranate tree which has bright red blossoms and will soon bear small fruit. Another is an extraordinary fern-palm, which is an actual palm tree, only seven inches high.

Another project on the wards is the construction of special terrariums for the individual patients. Scrap plate glass and metal from the various shops on the compound have been used to build these.

Ward gardening in bldg. 20 has centered on deck two with Herb Campbell, SN, and John Thorton, SA, potting the plants and helping other patients to start gardens. Among the plants now blossoming forth are fuschias, begonias, geraniums, dahlias, succulents, and special plants, such as beans, tomatoes, and a specially constructed terrarium.

Arnold F. Whitlock, AA, on 20-1 has a variety of indoor

Farewell Party Given On Departure Of Lt. Collins, Public Works Officer



Lt. C. W. Collins, CEC, USN, turns over the reins of Public Works Officer to his relief, Ltjg. C. F. Krickenberger, CEC, USN, at a farewell party held recently by the employees of the maintenance department. Looking on is L. G. Preibisius, Foreman Mechanic of the Public Works Department. Mr. Collins was detached on July 27.



Indoor gardening has become the favorite past time of the patients of Bldg. 20 as is shown above. John Thornton, SA, left, and Herb Campbell, SN, right, work on their miniature gardens, from which they have started many other patients on the road to this fascinating work.

plants; his special plant being an orchid, a.c. laliata. Mr. Brewer, hospital chairman of the V.F.W. and a fellow garden hobbyist gave this extraordinary plant to him as well as other plants from his garden. The orchid plant has been tenderly cared for by Whitlock and has produced one

bloom which was given to a special girl. Its progress was carefully watched by the whole ward.

Also catching the gardening fever in the building are Walt Scott, ETC, Lt. Irene Cook, Mr. John L. Hague, VAB, and Epi-fanio C. Gomes, SA.

A farewell party, given by the maintenance dept. employees and attended by all the friends of Lt. C. W. Collins, CEC, USN, also gave the workers a chance to meet his successor, Ltjg. C. F. Krickenberger, CEC, USN. The affair took place in the carpenter shop on July 27.

Wishing Collins farewell and welcoming aboard the new Public Works Officer were Captain W. F. James, Acting Commanding Officer, and LCDR. F. O. Huntsinger, MSC, USN, Administrative Assistant. Also taking part in the farewell was the Assistant Public Works Officer, L. V. Stigler, CWO, HC, and Mr. L. G. Preibisius, Foreman Mechanic, who will be the advisers and chief aids of the new maintenance head.

Refreshments were served by members of the shops and included ice cream, cake and coffee.

Mr. Krickenberger, a native of Lima, Ohio, comes to his new post from the Naval Air Station, Atlantic City, New Jersey, where he held the same post. His engineering career dates back to his graduation from the Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio, with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering. Following his graduation in 1942, the new PWO took the post of field engineer with the Rust Engineering Co. in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Starting his military career with the Army Air Corps in 1943, he was first stationed at Keesler air field in Biloxi, Miss.

He was discharged and joined the Navy to attend radar school in Hollywood by the Sea, Florida. Next step in Mr. Krickenberger's naval life was the Under Water Demolition squad in the bomb disposal unit. He went overseas with this outfit to the South Pacific where he took part in the invasions of Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

He was next transferred to the CEC, regular Navy, in 1946 and went to the training center, Great Lakes, Ill., as Assistant Public Works Officer. Following this assignment, there came duty at the Naval Ammunition Depot, McAllister, Oklahoma, Naval Patrol Unit, Reserve No. 4, Barrows, Alaska. Then assignment as Public Works Officer at this hospital.

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—NEWS OF THE U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL—
AND HOSPITAL CORPS SCHOOL
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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By Chaplain D. R. Kabele

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumph of His Grace.

Many can remember singing
the above stanza while attending
Divine Services.

It is very interesting to note
that some part of the Bible—as
of the end of December 1949—
has been published in 1,118
languages and these are 1,000
more languages which as yet
have nothing of the Word of
God. The untiring efforts of
missionary-translators make it
possible for the Scriptures to
appear in one of these languages
about every five weeks.

In a pamphlet, "Worthwhile
Ways of Reading the Bible" by
the American Bible Society, are
three very pertinent paragraphs:

"The Bible is all in all man-
kind's greatest treasure. A few
men may have crowns, and a few
may have fortunes; fewer still
can enjoy either. But, everyone
may have the Bible, and every-
one who will, may enjoy it with
a great happiness."

"When you are in sorrow, in
anxiety, in fear, go to the Bible.
It can bring marvelous help in
life's emergencies. But it is not
primarily a shelf of medicines;
it is daily food for daily needs.
So used, it will help all the more
when emergencies come, and
will deepen everyone of life's
joys."

"For in God's providence, this
is your book. Men have labored



Tonight
"50 YEARS BEFORE
YOUR EYES"
Exceptional Documentary
* * *

Saturday, August 12
"HI-JACKED"
Jim Davis, Marsha Jones
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Sunday, August 13
"THE JACKIE ROBINSON
STORY"
Jackie Robinson, Ruby Dee
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Monday, August 14
"FEDERAL AGENT
AT LARGE"
Robert Rockwell,
Dorothy Patrick
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Tuesday, August 15
"FANCY PANTS"
Bob Hope, Lucille Ball
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Wednesday, August 16
"OPERATION HAYLIFT"
Bill Williams,
Ann Rutherford
* * *

Thursday, August 17
"UNION STATION"
William Holden,
Wanda Hendrix

incessant hours, spent all they
had, gone footsore and weary to
an exile's rest, died in agony a
martyr's death, that you might
have it."

"You will understand why
when you have made it your
own. Read it!"

SAFETY IS YOUR BUSINESS

By F. S. ADAMS

Much has been said, written,
and printed in regard to an ac-
tually little known subject,
NIGHT VISION. By little
known, I mean that to most of
us, our knowledge is limited to
the fact that we can't see very
well in the dark. Night-hunting
animals are very well adapted to
seeing in the dark but of course
they do not drive automobiles.
If we look at a few facts and
figures concerning automobile
accidents at night we must as-
sume that there are people who
believe that they, too, can see as
well at night as they do in the
full light of day.

Three out of five fatal acci-
dents occur at night even though
the total miles driven at night
are far fewer than daytime mile-
age. Why is this true? Too few
people realize the limitations
placed on the eyes by darkness
and they do not modify their
driving and walking habits in
accordance with these limita-
tions. So it must follow that a
better understanding of how the
human eye sees at night, a
knowledge of its capabilities and
limitations can be the means of
cutting the night highway fat-
alities and of preventing many
thousands of deaths and serious
injuries.

The eyes see at night only if
there is light; and vision is ob-
tained in two ways—by reflec-
tion and by silhouette. When
the headlights of your car fall
upon an object, such as a pedes-
trian or parked car, you see by
reflected light. When the ob-
ject is between you and a source
of light, you see by silhouette.
If you have standard headlights
they will reveal a person dressed
in white at 1000 ft. but will not
reveal one dressed in dark cloth-

ing at one-sixth that distance.

To adjust yourself to night
driving properly, drive a night
under the least favorable condi-
tions just once to see how to ad-
just your speed accordingly. The
average low (passing) beam of
car headlights permit you to see
an object at about 200 ft. ahead,
and if you drive at 50 mph at
night, your reaction time plus
braking distance totals to 164 ft.,
which does give you a slight
margin of safety. However, that
margin of safety is too close be-
cause there is almost always
the glare of oncoming headlights
to reduce your perception dis-
tance and so we find our car
much too close to the object to
stop in time. The result is—**an-
other fatality or serious injury.**

The ultimate result of ade-
quate research into the subject
of night vision is that your see-
ing ability is reduced by what is
called "confusion pattern," cre-
ated by rapidly moving objects
which the eye must sort out to
identify. This "confusion pat-
tern" is believed to be the cause
of so many fatal accidents along
the tree-lined highway 101,
through Leucadia, Calif.

For each increase of car
speed at night, this "confusion
pattern" reduces perception dis-
tance by 20 ft., or at 60 mph,
your perception distance, with
the aid of good headlights, is
only 160 ft. It is entirely impos-
sible to stop within that distance
at that speed.

Take all the above facts and
figures into consideration and
always remember to reduce your
speed at night, stay alert, re-
member the "confusion pat-
tern," and stay alive. By doing
so, the life you save may be your
own.



DIVINE SERVICES
Protestant

Sunday 1000
Daily Devotional 1230-1245
(All services are broadcast to
bed patients).

Catholic

Sunday 0630 and 0830
(0830 Mass is broadcast to
bed patients).

Daily Rosary 1130
Daily Mass 1145

Confessions and communion
sick calls are heard at any time
upon request.



NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

MEET THE STAFF



Royce W. Kreider, HMC, USN

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By the sunny banks of the Wabash, **Royce W. Kreider, HMC, USN**, caught his first glimpse of the world. It was the town of Wabash, Indiana, and the date was May 5, 1917. But the Kreider family was not long for the "Hoosier State," as they took up residence in the jewel of the West, San Diego, three years later.

It was here that the small offspring was first exposed to school and his education was continued back in Wabash, where he finished high school. Again the family took up bag and baggage and migrated to San Diego. This time a local dairy became the working place of young Royce.

Being exposed to the navy life of this sea port had its affect on the future chief. He enlisted in Uncle Sam's outfit on June 9, 1939. Boot camp here and sea duty faced him next, before being sent back to 'Dago' for Hospital Corps School. Following his successful completion of this course, Kreider began a job with the Finance Office that was to last one year.

War intervened and with it came orders to the Fleet Marine Force, 3rd Marine Division. With this outfit, he saw duty in New Zealand, and took part in the landings on Guadalcanal, New Georgia, Bougainville, and Guam.

After a period of a year, he was discharged and took the post of salesman with a drug company before shipping over. For a reward he received orders to a weather ship in the Bering Sea, patrolling off Siberia. Next came ID school and Hospital Administration school.

His transfer back to this hospital in September, 1948, took him to the Finance Department, where he holds forth to this day.



Robert L. Amstadter, HA, USN

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Deep in the search of knowledge necessary for a successful examination for Hospitalman, **Robert L. Amstadter, HA, USN**, shoved a large pile of books from in front of him and submitted to this interview. Although time is growing short until he appears for the test, he told this story:

"I was born in Chicago, Illinois, on February 26, 1932. After spending my first twelve years in that city, my parents moved to Vicksburg, Miss., taking up school where I had left off. The family spent only one year in the South before traveling again. This time Los Angeles became our home."

"My education was again resumed, this time at Huntington Park High School. My years of study paid off, however, in '49 with a diploma. Immediately following this, I journeyed to San Luis Obispo for two weeks training with the National Guard. At the camp I suddenly had a wonderful idea and put it into action on August 19. I enlisted in the Navy."

"San Diego became my home and I underwent boot training and Hospital Corps School. Graduation from Corps School found me with a certificate and orders to report to work on 9-3. Following my duty there I worked in ward 20-2 and 21-1 gallery. I am now corpsman on 21-1."

Gathering up the pile of books again, he paused and then added, "If you want my spare time hobbies, there are only two. Studying for this test and girls. Just plain girls. Not a bad habit or hobby, is it?" And with this parting remark, he returned to the studies that will advance him up the ladder of success.



RED CROSS NOTES . . . By FRANCES NEWMAN

There is a real fish story emanating from the wards this week. Anticipation ran high in Ward 20-2 recently as **Dr. Clyde Norman** and the ward nurses stood by for an emergency call. But **Herb Campbell, SN**, successfully playing the part of mid-wife, delivered "Mrs." Guppy's eleven children without crisis. A **Zebra Fish**—not to be outdone—surprised everyone by delivering her own babies unattended.

The "Wolf of the Month" can be found on Ward 9-3. His given name is **Frank Phillips, SR**, and he has the necessary certificate to prove his right to the title. His certificate was awarded at a recent contest during a ward party. The Army Mothers Club of Pacific Beach, served ice cream, decorated cup cakes and punch.

Wanted—Challengers to play four canasta experts on Ward 9-4. By name, E. Smith, GT3, R. Ulseth, SK2, H. Sommer, RD3, and Gene Lee, SA, and they will accept the challenges of patients from other wards.

Mr. Don H. Sherman, a fly tying specialist, will teach you his interesting hobby on his rounds of the wards. For materials and equipment, see the Red Cross. Anyone desiring to learn this fascinating hobby may do so by giving their names to your Recreation worker.

Don't forget the dance August 22, in the Recreation Lounge. There will be plenty of good music and plenty of hostesses.

KORPSMAN COLUMN . . . by CLEM & EM

High on the list of oddities that persist in happening in the local abode of the corpsmen is the picnic held by 'Prof' Amstadter. Since he was forced to miss the TB Unit party, this eccentric individual held a tea party of his own. Refreshments included hot dogs, buns, potato chips and marshmallows. The site: his own bunk. For atmosphere, he invited some ants. (Phew).

A social call was made this week by none other than **Leonard Kelsey**, well remembered for his job of emcee'ing the Port Watch dance. This genial gentleman is departing on vacation with the FMF. Four months vacation as corpsman at Camp Davidson has prepared him for the quiet life ahead.

According to rumors that fly thick and fast, every day should find at least half of the staff depart for sea or unknown parts of the world. **Ted Krolack** wants to apply for the job of remaining here as instructor. Got news for you!

H. C. S. NOTES . . . by B. C. BROODER

As we wish our departing Executive Officer, **Captain C. W. Lane, MC, USNR**, bon voyage and a pleasant tour of duty at his new duty station in Washington, D. C., there is extended a welcome aboard for the new Executive Officer, **LCDR. F. O. Huntsinger, MSC, USN**, who has attained the enviable position of the first Medical Service Officer to hold this administrative position in San Diego.

August 3rd and 4th saw the departure of Companies 16, 17 and 18, who were transferred to the various West Coast hospitals for duty and also to Corpus Christi, Texas. This involved a total of 87 men who completed their course of instruction somewhat prematurely due to the institution of the present intensified course. This leaves the school with a smaller student body, before resuming two large classes next month.

Lt. R. C. Will, MSC, USN, Instruction Officer and head of the Pharmacy and Chemistry Department, has received temporary additional duty orders to proceed to Treasure Island. There he will attend a Radiological and Subjects school. Upon completion, he

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Softballers Cop One-Run Decision From NTC Squad

The Naval Hospital Softball aggregation still remains in first place position in Beach League play with a clean record of four wins after acclaiming a recent 12-11 victory over NTC Schools on the Navy Field Diamond, July 26.

The hotly contested, seven-inning thriller was the Hosapps' one and only night game of the 1950 season and almost proved defeat for the locals.

Bob McCullum presided on the pitching mound for the corpsmen during the first four innings at which time he withdrew to the bench with a sore pitching arm. In the process of pitching, McCullum wiffed four of the NTC batters, walked nine, and allowed five runs off two hits.

A new arrival to the team, H. G. Rosh, took over the mound duties in the fifth frame to walk eight opponents and give up six runs off four hits. This was not the first time that the new pitcher has appeared on an 11th Naval District diamond as he previously saw action with the Naval Training Center "Blues."

Hitting honors for the night's contest went to W. B. Mora, Hosapp catcher, who belted the only four-sacker of the game. Other local hitters collecting important RBI's were: Sage, Roberts, Shelton, Smith, McCullum, and Rosh.

Hosapps Claim Default

The Hosapp softball clan journeyed to the Navy Field diamond August 1, to meet the Eleventh District Headquarters team for the second time in second-half play. Due to unknown circumstances, the opponents failed to make an appearance, thereby crediting the Hosapps with another win by way of a default.

This default enables the Hosapps to remain out front in the league standings with a record of five wins and no losses. Miramar keeps in close running with the locals with a 4-1 record. Others standings in Beach League play are: 11nd Headquarters, 2-3; TraPac, 1-4; and NTC Schools, 0-4.

Chapel Hill, N. C. (AFPS)—Charlie (Choo-choo) Justice, recently named the best all-around half-back in University of North Carolina history, has turned down all offers to play pro football.



H. G. Rosh, left, and J. H. McCollum, right, are the two Hosapp twirlers that have combined in pitching the softball nine to the top of the Beach League with five wins and no losses. McCollum has been a standout performer all season, while Rosh is a newcomer to the team.

Touch Football Next On Hospital Calendar

Touch football will be the next sport to reign over the hospital athletic calendar, with a six-man team representing the hospital in the Eleventh Naval District minor league.

First practice session will be called by coach Nick Drackulich during the last week of August, in order that a squad will be in shape to open the schedule tentatively slated for mid-September. A six-team loop is being organized.

Last year's squad copped the championship with a rousing victory over the Long Beach Naval Hospital, 47-12. This climaxed a season which saw the Hosapps roll up 197 points to 19 for the losers in one of the most amazing records compiled in district play. In a play-off game for the championship of the district, Camp Pendleton Marines put a crimp in the record, walking off with a 27-12 victory.

Nine veterans will be returning to haunt Hosapp foes. They are: W. A. Huddleston, J. H. Stone, J. E. Reid, G. A. Robfoge, W. A. Bryant, J. R. Burton, R. A. Waldrop, J. T. Clemons, and R. L. Emerson.

There are still many vacancies open to newcomers, according to Coach Drackulich.

National Holds Lead

The American League may hold the edge in World's Series and All-Star play, but the senior circuit is the champion of the exhibition series staged annually at the game's shrine. The Red Sox' 8-5 victory over the Giants, July 24, was only the junior league's fourth win in the nine-game series, inaugurated in 1940.



AirPac's Jim Strom paced his team to their capture of the Eleventh Naval District swim title as high-point man for the meet with 20 points for two firsts and two second places.

Naval Air Swimmers Cop District Crown

Scoring ten firsts out of a possible thirteen, Naval Air's tank team iced the Eleventh Naval District Swimming and Diving Championships, July 27th & 28th at the Navy Athletic Field pool.

The NAS-AirPac combine tallied 96 points against the Naval Training Center's 60, 22 for Camp Pendleton, 14 for Port Hueneme, 12 for Miramar, 11 for El Toro, and 2 for Sonar.

Joseph Kincaid, James Strom and Tom Scotton paced the Naval Air victory. Kincaid won the 50-meter, 100-meter and 200-meter freestyle contests—the meets only three-point winner, chalking up twenty for two firsts and two seconds. Scotton also placed in four events, capturing the 300-meter individual medley, and turning in two thirds and a fourth.

It was stellar competition from the NTC Bluejacket team that made the meet a success for Thursday and Friday's overflow throng of fans. The fighting Jackets placed in all but one event, scoring one first and six second spots.

RESULTS

1500-meter Freestyle Swim: James Strom (NAS), Wm. Knuppel (CP), Tom Warwick (Mir), W. J. Harvey (NAS).

200-meter Freestyle: Joe Kincaid (NASO), W. D. Middleton, (PH), S. E. Schram (Mir), G. McFadden (NTC), Charles Diehl (NAS).

100-meter Backstroke: Lynn Brotherston (NAS), Bob Christians (NAS), H. C. Ward (NTC), Alfred Gonzales (ET).

200-meter Backstroke: R. F. Hunter (NTC), V. D. Phillips (NTC), L. Scott (CP), Tom Scotton (NAS).

50-meter Freestyle: Joe Kincaid (NAS), James Strom (NAS), D. R. Fletcher (NTC), S. E. Schram (Mir).

300-meter Individual Medley: Tome Scotton (NAS), V. D. Phillips (NTC), Lynn Brotherston (NAS), R. F. Hunter (NTC), H. C. Ward (NTC).

50-meter Breaststroke: L. Scott (CP), R. F. Hunter (NTC), Tom Scotton (NAS), A. A. Moore (Sonar), R. Phillips (NTC).

100-meter Freestyle: Joseph Kincaid (NAS), J. Fletcher (NTC), Robert Todd (PM), F. E. Schramm, Jr. (Mir), J. L. Wilhite (NTC).

As the skunk said when the wind changed: "It all comes back to me now."

Miramar Downs Hospital Squad In Season Finale

The Naval Hospital baseball crew wound up season play with a loss to the pennant winning Miramar Flyers and a win over Sonar School, to give them a second-half record of four wins and four losses and a season total of 16 and six.

Although sorely crippled at the finish, the Hosapps gave a good account of themselves and grabbed off runner-up honors in the first half and a third place in the final round.

Miramar copped both rounds, nosing out the corpsman by a single game and the second-half runners-up, Marine Recruit Depot Schools, by two games. But on a victory basis, the Flyers could do no more than break even, winning and losing a pair to the medics.

Score of the contest, played at Miramar on July 24, was Miramar 5, Hosapps 2. Bright spot of the game was the fine, seven-hit pitching of Bob Rains, who was the victim of two costly errors and weak hitting. Only three of the losers could rap out base hits. Melendez and Ferebee singling and Drott pounding out a double.

Sonar Beaten, 5-0

Final game of the season was a masterful five-hitter by Hosapp pitcher, Bill Biggs. Although in trouble in four of the innings, Biggs' cause was helped considerably by four twin killings by the infield, which gave him errorless support.

Starting off the contest, the first corpsman reached first base on a Sonar error and promptly was sacrificed to second. He then scored on a single by Emerson. This ended the scoring until the third when three men scored on a walk, fielder's choice and a triple by Emerson.

This ended one of the most successful seasons the Hosapps have enjoyed but could have been much better if the team had not been plagued by injuries, sickness and personnel on leave. However, the whole team is looking forward to next season, confident of bettering their position.

BOX SCORE

Hosapps	AB	R	H	Sonar	Sch.	AB	R	H
Melendez, 2b	5	1	0	Schmidt, ss	4	0	0	0
Babin, lf	2	1	0	Schoeman, 3b	4	0	0	0
Drott, ss	4	0	0	Piaco, 1b	4	0	1	0
Emerson, 1b	3	2	2	Hitnason, 2b	4	0	1	0
Ferebee, c	4	0	1	Moore, c	4	0	3	0
Sage, 3b	4	0	1	Vance, lf	2	0	0	0
Krolack, rf	3	0	0	Ducote, cf	3	0	0	0
Clifford, cf	3	0	0	Kraft, rf	3	0	0	0
Biggs, p	3	1	0	Cook, p	3	1	0	0
Totals	33	5	4	Totals	31	1	5	0



A rhubarb develops between Dale Ferebee, Hosapp catcher and the umpire as the former puts up a mild protest over a called strike. The scene is from the last game of the season for the hospital nine with the Sonar team which the corpsmen won 5-2. Looking on is the batter, Cook.

Key Players May Be Lost To Draft

Baseball players, like everyone else, are affected by the new selective service program. Pennant races in both leagues are bound to be influenced as key players from the leading teams are being called to their country's aid.

Ralph Branca, 24-year-old righthander of the Dodgers, became one of these when he was classified as 1-A by his Mt. Vernon, N. Y., draft board recently.

Even though he's 1-A, having no dependents or previous service, it is doubtful whether Branca will be called due to an asthma condition which still bothers him.

The Philadelphia Phils mound ace has been called to active duty with his National Guard unit. Art Houtteman, Detroit's ace, is 22 and already 1-A in the draft. Three of the New York Yankees might be called before the end of the season. Bobby Brown holds a Naval Medical Reserve commission, while Ed Ford and Billy Martin are 1-A.

Al Rosen, Cleveland's biggest run producer, holds a Naval Reserve commission, while Bob

Hospital Athlete Receives Orders

Dale Max Ferebee, HMC, USN, one of the best known sports figures on the compound, has been detached from the hospital staff and departed July 31 for San Francisco where he will board a hospital ship. Chief Ferebee was attached to the recreation office as purchasing agent.

He was a standout performer on the Hosapp nine for the past two seasons and also could number two years service with both the basketball and touch football squads. Other sports in which he took an active part were volleyball, softball, and swimming.

An all around athlete, Dale was well liked and had many friends among the hospital staff. They all regret his departure and wish him good sailing.

Kennedy has similar status in the Marines. As for the Red Sox, Ted Williams, Johnny Pesky and Birdie Tebbets have inactive reserve commissions, as has the Bucs' Ralph Knier, while Chuck Stobbs, Maurice McDermott and Williard Nixon are 1-A in the draft.



By Hosapp Joe

Baseball season was officially stamped closed on July 26 with a victory that put the Hosapps back in the .500 bracket, with four wins and four losses. Big gun of the win was the flossy five-hit pitching of Bill Biggs. His cause was furthered by the infield which pulled him out of tight spots with four classy double-plays.

In a heroic, if somewhat foolish, effort to prove that he is a hustler, Bill Drott, tried to dent a pair of spikes with his leg. In doing so, Bill found himself with a small injury and no pants. The base-runner almost undressed him, tearing his trousers from thigh to knee.

Another proof of the team's hustle lies in ward 10-3. Jerry Reid will attest to the fact that sliding is a dangerous maneuver if trying to break up a double play with your legs.

On the softball front, the corpsmen still reign supreme in the Beach League with a record of six wins and no losses. Big gun in the hitting attack is "Fence Buster" Mora. The husky catcher recently banged out three roundtrippers in one game.

Gone is "Pop" Ferebee! Sad news indeed for the Hosapp sports program for old Dale Max was an active member of practically every team fielded by the hospital. His replacement is said to be "Robby" Robfogel, the all-around, All-American boy. After resting from his basketball, football and handball labors, Rob states that he is in the pink.

For thirty days, Nick Drakulich will be concentrating on the difficulties of the Utah and Nevada golf courses. His idea of paradise; a whole afternoon to play an unhurried eighteen.

Athlete of the Month: Bill Biggs, who stepped into the breach left by Ken Hall's departure from the Hosapp pitching staff. Bill walked on the mound cold, no practice or conditioning, and promptly proved to be the nemesis of the opposing sluggers. Only one loss was traced to him and the blame for the loss was placed on the faulty defense.

VA States New Home Loan Guarantee

Veterans and widows of veterans who have not remarried are now eligible for maximum home loan guarantees of 60 per cent up to \$7,500, under Veterans Administration regulations now in effect.

The old maximum for home buying was 50 per cent of the loan up to \$4,000. The maximum number of years for a mortgage has been raised from 25 to 30 years.

Air Force Suspends Dependent Transit

Washington (AFPS)—Army, Navy and Air Force officials have suspended indefinitely the transportation of military dependents to points west of the Pacific coast, including Alaska and Hawaii.

In its announcement, the Navy said the suspension is being effected to provide more space in air and sea craft for those traveling to Pacific bases under priority.

The order does not affect civilian personnel returning to Pacific stations from U. S. leaves, or those civilians traveling under orders to points in the Pacific.

Pay Day—Sweetest Story Ever Printed

The Disbursing Office announces pay day for the third week in August as follows:

Wednesday, August 16

Officers, CPO's, and Waves: Bldg. 1, Deck 1, 0800-1130, 1300-1500.

Thursday, August 17

Staff Crew: Bldg. 1, Deck 1, 1000-1030.

Hospital Corps School: Bldg. 130, 0830-0930.

Marine Patients: Bldg. 1, Deck 1, 1330-1345.

Ambulatory Patients: Bldg. 1, Deck 1, 1345-1415.

Night Corpsmen: Bldg. 1, Deck 1, 1315-1430.

Friday, August 18

All bed patients.

All personnel drawing checks should have their names in the Disbursing Office prior to 1200, August 15.

Doctor: "And there's really no reason to worry about that habit of talking to yourself."

Patient: "Perhaps not, but I'm such a bore."



Meet Gaby Andre, the French cinema beauty, who makes her American film debut in Warner Bros.' dramatic thriller, "The Two Million Dollar Robbery." Many authorities of the femme-form-divine have said that Miss Andre has the sweetest hips in the world. She isn't bad otherwise, either.

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will return to this activity and resume his present duties. Lt.jg. K. V. Rice, MSC, USN, will assume his duties, in addition to his own as Personnel Officer.

LIBRARY NOTES . . . by SHERIL MacMILLAN

New additions to the hospital library arrive every day. Below are listed a few and a comment or two about the book. Drop in and sample a couple.

Elephant Bill, by Williams—The author shares his 25 years experiences in directing elephants in Burma. The sections dealing with the medical care of the mammoth animals are exceptionally interesting.

They Came in Chains, by Redding—A history of the American Negro from Africa to the present day, by an author already noted for his ability as an instructor, author and college professor.

Intelligent Investor, by Graham—If you have money to invest, either on a defensive or enterprising policy, but not on a speculative one, this book has much to offer you as a guide.

Golf Doctor, by Middlecoff—The author shifted from denistry to golf for his profession and now hands out his diagnosis and prescriptions for grip, stance, chipping and pitching, trap shots, etc.

Treasury of Baseball Humor, by Stanley & Lomax—If you like to laugh and enjoy baseball, this is your book.

Jill and I and The Salmon, by Russell—Jack Russell was a big business executive until nervous exhaustion faced him. Then he and his English bride, formerly of the ballet, established and made famous fishing medicine, and pharmacy.

Captain Lane Leaves

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lege of Surgeons in 1923.

His naval career began in August 1917, in Buffalo, New York. Since then he has served at the Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, National Naval Medical School, Washington, D. C., Naval Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., USS Concord, Samoa, and Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, as Chief of Surgery.

In 1927, Captain Lane resigned from the Navy and began private practice in San Diego. He retained his naval rank and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander while in the reserve.

On January 3, 1941, he was recalled to active duty and served at the Naval Air Station. At the outbreak of World War II, he took command of the medical battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. In 1942, he moved to the Amphibious Corps Headquarters, Fleet Marine Force, at Camp Elliott.

His next station was that of Post Surgeon, Camp Pendleton until transferred in 1943, when he became Officer in Charge, Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Captain Lane has commented on his pleasant tour of duty at this hospital and looks forward with pleasure to his next duty station.

Navy Prison Moved

San Pedro, Calif. (AFPS)—The huge grey prison structure that had served as a Navy receiving station and more recently as a disciplinary barracks on Terminal Island, has been turned over to the State of California.

The Navy officially relinquished the disciplinary barracks for use as a California Medical Facility.

Port Picnic Aug. 30

The date for the Port Watch Picnic has been changed from August 16 to August 30. Anyone desiring transportation to the picnic at El Monte Park must contact Recreation Officer, Ext. 288, prior to Aug. 23.